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Attorney's Docket No. 105428

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Amit Nayar et al.)

Serial No. 09/900,843)

Filed: July 5, 2001)

Heat Activated Membrane Introduction)
Apparatus and Method for Screening)
Materials)

Examiner: Jill Alice Warden

Art Unit: 1743

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 23, 2004; this extension will allow applicants up to and including October 25, 2004 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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